## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Ke	Applic	ation of:	) \	
	Osam	u Nozawa	) )	
Serial No.:		10/821,508		
Filed:		April 9, 2004		
Examiner:		Rodney Glenn McDonald		
Art Unit:		1753	) )	
For: Manufacturing Method And Apparatus Of Phase Shift Mask Blank				

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98, a copy of the cited U.S. patents is not enclosed, but other cited references are enclosed.

The citation of the above-discussed documents is not to be construed as an assertion that more pertinent art could not possibly be in existence. Citation of any document herein is not to be construed as an admission that any subject matter disclosed in the document is necessarily within the inventive field of endeavor, that any disclosure is necessarily prior in time to a particular date which may be relevant to the instant patent application, and/or that any disclosure

is otherwise necessarily prior art with respect to the instant invention.

Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosure of those documents discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

Each of these references was cited in an Office Action dated October 17, 2006 in a related application USSN 10/771,997.

If a fee should be due for this IDS, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039 for the required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 7, 2006

Mark J. Murphy

Registration No.: 34,225

COOK, ALEX, McFARRON, MANZO, CUMMINGS & MEHLER, LTD. 200 West Adams Street Suite 2850 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 236-8500

Customer no. 000026568

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Panerwork Reduction Apt of 1995 no Persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMR control number Complete if Known Substitute for form 1449A/PTO Application Number 10/821,508 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE Filing Date 04/09/2004 First Named Inventor STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Nozawa Art Unit 1753 **Examiner Name** Rodney Glenn McDonald (Use as many sheets as necessary)

Attorney Docket Number

0524-0139.02 1 Sheet **U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS** Publication Date Name of Patentee or Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Examiner **Document Number** Relevant Passages or Relevant MM-DD-YYYY Applicant of Cited Document Initials\* No Figures Appear Number-Kind Code<sup>2 (f known)</sup> 07-11-2000 Schwartz et al. us-6.086,728 2 us-6,669,987 12-30-2003 Schaefer et al. US-US-US-US-US-US-US-US-US-US-US-US-US-US-US-

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No '	Foreign Patent Document  Country Code <sup>3</sup> "Number <sup>4</sup> "Kind Code <sup>5</sup> ( <i>if known</i> )	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages. Columns. Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>5</sup>		
		WO 00/63460	10-26-2000	Schaefer et al.				
	<del>                                     </del>					$\vdash$		
						L		

US-

Examiner		Dale	
Signature		Considered	
	<u> </u>		

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901 04, 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST 3) 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST 16 if possible 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1 97 and 1 98 The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application Confidentiality is governed by 35 U S C 122 and 37 CFR 1 14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450. Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.